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Gentlemen:

For the past three years, Dr. Theodore H. Blau, a clinical psychologist from Tampa, Florida, has received support under a Special Fund 4 literature review project. We recommend that Dr. Blau's project on the collection and evaluation of literature relating to the tobacco smoking habit be renewed for another year at a level of \$22,000.

Dr. Blau has used the literature review project to study in depth the psychological aspects of tobacco smoking, review the current scientific literature, and meet with other knowledgeable scientists in the field. In this regard, he recently submitted a section on smoking behavior to a well known encyclopedia on psychology. Dr. Blau also relied heavily on the information developed in his literature review project in his statements at the recent Congressional hearings. A copy of Dr. Blau's statement submitted to the Hatch Committee is attached to this letter.

We believe strongly that Dr. Blau's project is a worthwhile scientific endeavor and recommend that it be renewed.

Your earliest possible response would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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